

# Spacing between direct burial of optical fiber and cable



## Overview

General guidance for direct burial in soil is 24 to 36 inches (60 to 90 cm). In rocky areas, a minimum of 12 inches (30 cm) is recommended. This best practices procedure provides general information for the installation of fiber optic cables in direct buried applications. The methods described are intended for guideline use only, as it is impossible to cover all the various conditions that may arise during an installation. Cable may extend of the reel and become a safety hazard and/or damaging the cable. Fiber optic cable is sensitive to excessive pulling, bending. Standards, including National Electrical Code (NEC) in the US, the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), and International Telecommunication Union (ITU), set recommendations or requirements for how deep to bury fiber optic cables. Match trench method with the correct underground fiber structure (GYTS, GYTA53, GYTY53, micro-duct). However, simply hitting this depth isn't enough to guarantee your network survives.



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A general description of placing fiber cables will be presented in this Note. The Direct buried cable placing methods described in this document are intended as guidelines. National, state, local, and

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